

In re Appl. No. 09/527,680

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to make it dependent in claim 14.

Claim 20 has been amended to correct its claim dependency.

A marked-up copy of the claims, showing deletions and insertions is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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"Version with markings to show changes"

1. (Amended) A method of preventing parturient hypocalcemia in an animal, comprising ~~a ministering~~ administering to the animal during at least part of the dry period an effective amount of ~~at least one compound which reduces absorption of calcium from the drinking water and/or from the ration of said animal. a~~ composition according to claim 14.

20. (Amended) The composition according to claim ~~8~~ 14 wherein the compound has a competitive effect on the absorption of calcium from drinking water and/or from the ration of the animal.